

## 2017 Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society Law Day: About the Contest

**About the Contest:** This annual contest provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about our legal system, get creative, and win prizes. The contest can be incorporated into a curriculum, offered as extra credit, or just done for fun. Individual and Team submissions are welcomed.

2017 Law Day Theme: "The 14th Amendment: Equal Protection."

As we approach the 150th anniversary of the Fourteenth Amendment, the theme explores how the Equal Protection clause of this transformative amendment served as the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation, the foundation for court decisions protecting fundamental rights, and a source of inspiration for those who advocate for equal justice under law.

**Submission:** Students are encouraged to use their creativity to design and submit a two-dimensional art piece or a poetry piece to be entered in the Law Day Contest. Two-dimensional art pieces are not to exceed 11"x17" (including, but not limited to, drawings, paintings, photographs, comics, etc.), and poetry should be limited to 250 words. Submissions should explore the procedural protections afforded to all of us by the U.S. Constitution and why the preservation of these principles is essential to our liberty.

**Eligibility:** The Law Day Contest is open to students, student groups, and classes attending a public or private high school, or being home schooled, within Connecticut and in grades 9-12 or the equivalent. All qualified participants under the age of 18 must have their parent or guardian sign the Parental Permission Release found on the Entry Form.

Entry Deadline: April 7, 2017

**Recognition and Awards:** Winners for the individual art and individual poetry contests will receive prizes with a value not to exceed \$250 each. Winners for the team art and team poetry contests will receive prizes with a value not to exceed \$500 per team.

**Questions?** If you have any questions in relation to the contest, please contact, William Adams at wadams@hortonshieldsknox.com

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